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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA; ROK TACTICS

1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TACTICS AT 28TH UNGA ON JULY 6, ROK COUNSELOR HAM (WHO STRONGLY REQUESTED PROTECTION AS SOURCE) SAID HE BELIEVES ROK NOT IN POSITION TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO DISSOLVE UNCURK NOR DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD GIVE IT THE IMPRESSION OF TAKING INITIATIVE. HAM CITED PRIMIN KIM'S JUNE 23 PRESS CONFERENCE AS SETTING TONE FOR ROK PARTICIPATION IN DISMANTLING UNCURK, I.E., ROK WILL ACQUIESCE IN MAJORITY UN MEMBERS WISHES. HAM SAID ROK WILL ADOPT THIS POSITION BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WISH APPEAR "UNGRATEFUL" FOR PAST UN ASSISTANCE, NOR DOES IT WISH HANDICAP ABILITY TO OBTAIN UN ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE. HAM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF UNCURK MEMBERS TAKE INITIATIVE IN DISMANTLING UNCURK, ROK STATEMENT OF ACQUIESCENCE WOULD BE TACTICALLY HELPFUL. HAM AGREED THAT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH STRONG TIES TO ROK, SUCH AS TURKEY, MIGHT NEED ROK STATEMENT FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

2. HAM AND MISOFFS REVIEWED TACTICAL SITUATION AT UPCOMING CONFIDENTIAL

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UNGA AND POSSIBLE METHODS TO HANDLE UNCURK. ALL AGREED THAT

NO MATTER HOW WE GO ABOUT DISSOLVING UNCURK, THIS YEAR'S UNCURK REPORT MUST BE CAREFULLY WORDED. PARTICULAR CARE WILL BE NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF STATEMENTS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT THAT SOUTH-NORTH TALKS AND JULY 4TH COMMUNIQUE DID NOT AFFECT CONTINUING NEED FOR UNCURK. (SEE ESPECIALLY PARAS 15 AND 18 OF UN DOCUMENT A.8727 BEGIN BRACKETS REPORT OF UNCURK END BRACKETS.) THIS DISCUSSION THUS UNDERLINED DIFFICULTY FACING UNCURK: HAVING RECOMMENDED IN 1972 THAT IT CONTINUE, IT MUST NOW RECOMMEND ITS DISSOLUTION IN MANNER THAT WILL NOT BE (A) PATENTLY CONTRADICTORY TO LAST YEAR'S REPORT AND (B) EMBARRASSING TO ROK BY EXPLAINING RECOMMENDATION AS BASED ON CHANGE IN ROK POSTURE RATHER IN DPRK POSTURE. BENNETT

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